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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



At the beginning of the week prices were mixed. In Atlanta and Florida, prices were slightly lower on mediums, in California prices were higher on the large size and Eastern region prices were unchanged to slightly higher on the larger sizes, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. During the week prices were higher on larger sizes in Chicago and Eastern region, unchanged on balance. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Supplies were generally adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers were adequate for current buyer interest. Floor stocks adequate. Market tone fully steady. Light type fowl were adequate for current processing schedules.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS**, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	89-91	82-84	59-61
New York	60-62	57-60	45-48
Philadelphia	54-60	52-58	43-45
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	35-36
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	43-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	41-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	48-53	47-52	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	62-65	59-61	48-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	79	67
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-00  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.51	54.13	45.01
SOUTHERN	55.23	53.10	42.30
MIDWEST	47.24	46.01	35.64
WESTERN	84.68	78.38	59.99
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.55	61.01	47.99

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO  
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES  
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-14-00	03-07-00	03-16-99
Large	26-28	26-28	47-49
Medium	17-19	17-19	32-34

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Mar 13, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	12.3	4.7	11.7	8.4 45.1
	Change	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	-2.2	-0.2 -7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	32.2	8.1	30.7	22.0 116.2
	Change	0.1	1.4	-2.2	1.7	0.8 2%
Large	Curr Wk	49.8	89.8	45.7	68.6	96.5 350.4
	Change	0.2	5.3	-13.9	-7.9	9.8 -2%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.5	28.4	16.4	25.1	21.0 107.4
	Change	2.0	1.1	1.7	-0.4	1.5 6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	6.9	1.3	13.1	3.4 27.9
	Change	-0.8	-1.7	0.0	5.2	-2.2 2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	15.7	9.7	11.5	5.9 47.3
	Change	-0.3	2.0	3.3	0.1	-1.3 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.5	67.1	14.0	32.6	47.6 198.8
	Change	3.6	4.0	0.0	-9.0	-2.3 -2%
Total	Curr Wk	142.7	252.4	99.9	193.3	204.8 893.1
Percent	Change	3%	5%	-11%	-6%	3% 0%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	893.1	0%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	438.6	4%	40

Total Shell Egg 1331.7 1% 206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 11-MAR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,185,234	27,015	11,882	6,593	2,975	3,890
P W	1,156,749	25,117	12,351	6,711	2,952	3,807
LY	1,047,103	25,038	9,633	5,205	1,954	3,104
% PW	2	8	-4	-2	1	2
% LY	13	8	23	27	52	25
2000	11,323,752	251,905	116,352	63,742	31,138	37,417
1999	10,350,472	234,665	101,908	56,849	25,861	32,442
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>						
	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>			
	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>			
	41.66	41.48	41.05			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 11-Mar-00  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	230.0	3	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	498.9	6	5
W.N. CENTRAL	264.2	7	13
S. ATLANTIC	200.3	6	-3
S. CENTRAL	77.0	16	-7
WEST	188.3	2	-19
TOTAL	1458.7	6	-1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	MAR 04	MAR 11	MAR 04	MAR 11
Thousand				
AL	*28,799	29,147	20,572	21,085
AR	30,063	30,257	24,043	23,484
DE	4,458	4,493	4,819	5,370
FL	2,836	2,765	2,232	2,425
GA	31,837	32,132	*24,033	23,396
MD	8,966	8,583	5,694	5,134
MS	17,693	18,299	14,704	14,639
NC	*18,320	18,132	13,134	13,393
PA	3,627	3,674	2,564	2,682
SC	4,912	5,033	3,773	4,777
TX	14,603	14,412	10,659	11,227
VA	*6,612	6,591	*5,047	5,236
CA, TN, & WV	11,215	11,129	*9,850	9,676
15 State Total	*183,941	184,647	*141,124	142,524
Previous Year	184,036	183,423	144,008	146,463
Pct. of Prev.	100	101	98	97

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.53 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES -** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/09/00-03/15/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.00	38.33	31.50	32.60	34.00	36.33	61.00
GNR W 2	—	—	29.00	30.00	—	36.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.38	28.13	4.00
GL W XL	—	41.00	43.00	42.70	42.43	—	23.50
GL W LG	—	38.94	38.67	41.32	41.63	—	32.00
GL W MD	—	—	26.50	28.20	30.03	33.42	23.00
GL W SM	—	22.00	20.00	21.50	20.75	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.00	29.00	31.00	31.67	13.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 11-Mar-00  
**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		LY	
ATLANTA	19.8		22.0		-10	-35
BOSTON	3.5		4.3		-19	-30
CHICAGO	46.3		54.7		-15	-7
DETROIT	28.1		25.1		12	-24
KANSAS CITY	0.1		0.1		0	0
LOS ANGELES	95.8		105.3		-9	12
NEW ORLEANS	10.0		16.0		-38	-22
NEW YORK	43.2		37.1		16	-3
ST. LOUIS	13.3		15.8		-16	-21
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0		21.7		1	2
TOTAL	282.1		302.1		-7	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	281.5					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 04-MAR-00  
**YOUNG(A) YOUNG OLD**

	BREEDERS		BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	3,971	2	18	3,991
AVG WT	25.92	42.50	27.56	25.94
LAST WEEK	5,350	2	58	5,410
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,866	9	33	3,908
AVG WT	25.37	24.00	27.00	25.38
TO-DATE/2000	40,103	41	322	40,551
TO-DATE/1999	40,335	143	277	40,755
(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.				

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-MAR-00  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	WT
N EAST	1,040	25	20.58	NONE	NONE	1,040	20.58
S ATL	310	-78	31.90	NONE	NONE	310	31.92
N CENT	1,790	-17	29.47	(A)	(A)	1,808	29.44
S CENT	623	0	22.47	NONE	NONE	623	22.47
WEST	210	-34	23.67	NONE	NONE	210	23.70
U.S. TOTAL	3,973(B)-18	25.93		0	18	3,991	25.94
TO DATE							
2000	40,144(B)			85	322	40,551	
TO DATE							
1999	36,603(B)			0	277	40,755	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 41,000; last year to date 143,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,100 (A)	2,109	1,513	3,622	411
AVG WT	4.89	3.38	7.77	5.22	7.42
LAST WEEK	154,916	2,111	1,361	3,472	433
YR AGO	150,397	2,060	1,241	3,301	440
AVG WT	4.98	3.38	8.67	5.37	6.70
TO-DATE/2000	1,538,534	20,364	13,524	33,888	4,571
TO-DATE/1999	1,504,021	21,583	13,174	34,757	4,694

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.0 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-00

	CURRENT WEEK 03/18/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/11/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	159,120(2)	155,444
LT HENS	1,973	2,118
HVY HENS	1,538	1,615
TOTAL	162,631	159,177

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Mar-00 is 153.3 million head compared to 150.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.1 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Mar-00 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 5	162.7	152.4	107	5.16
12	157.9	152.1	104	4.87
19	157.1	152.5	103	5.10
26	154.1	152.7	101	4.97
MARCH 4	156.8	153.3	102	5.20
11	157.0	153.8	102	4.89
YEAR TO DATE	1557.3	1511.9	103	
MARCH 18		153.3		
25		153.4		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
13-Mar-00	6-Mar-00	6-Mar-00	15-Mar-99
54.38	0.14	54.24	56.85
NUMBER OF LOADS	642		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 03/13/00-03/18/00.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG	LDS WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.52 46 48.47 80
Los Angeles	62.00	61.14 61 60.98 123
New York	47.00-49.00	47.79 34 50.86 69

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.5	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65.5	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	61-63.5	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-62.5	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-63.5	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 13-Mar-00	4,506	119,217	75,624
AM 1-Mar-00	4,561	112,828	78,929
CHG	-55	6389	-3305
PCT CHG	-1	6	-4

**HEN MARKETS**

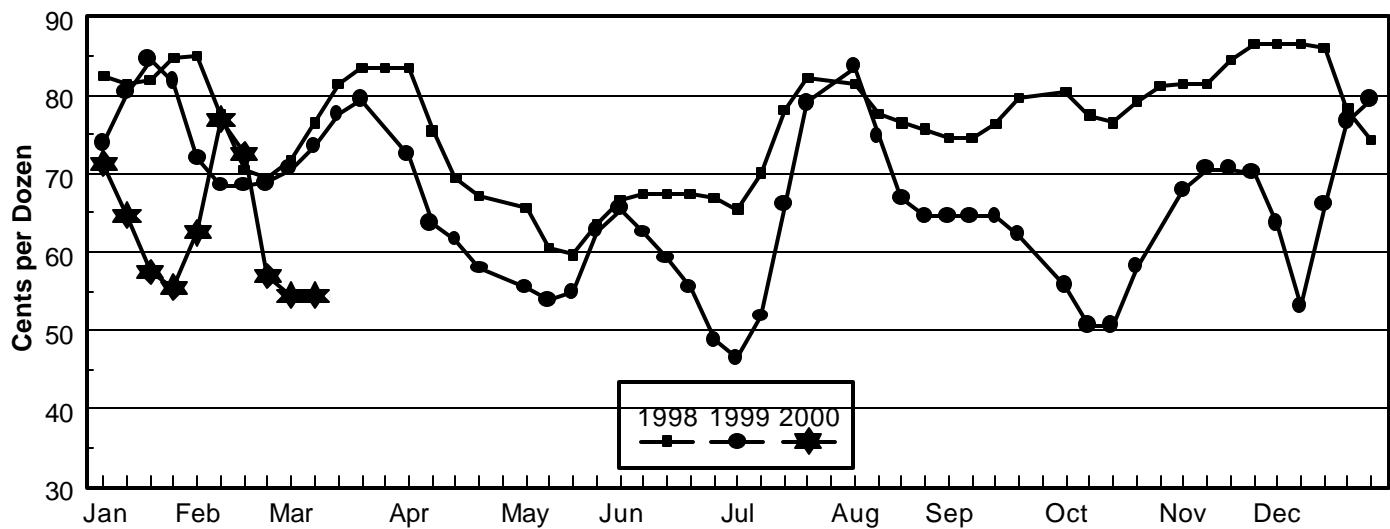
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
03/13/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8.25-11.5	11.03
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-20(1)	11-13	11.92
03/10/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

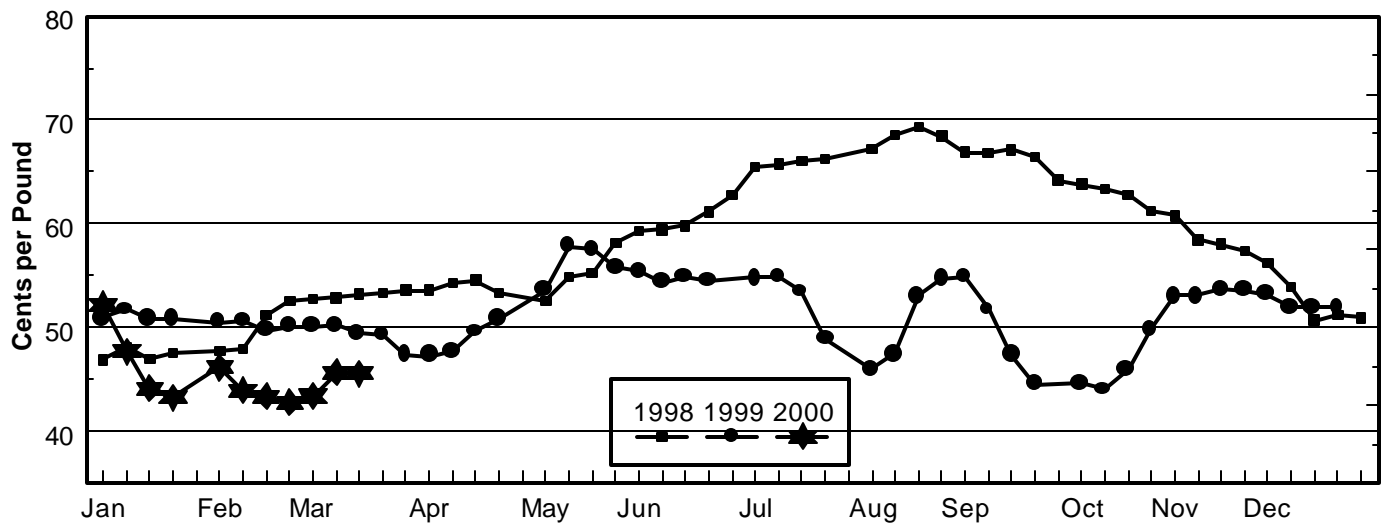
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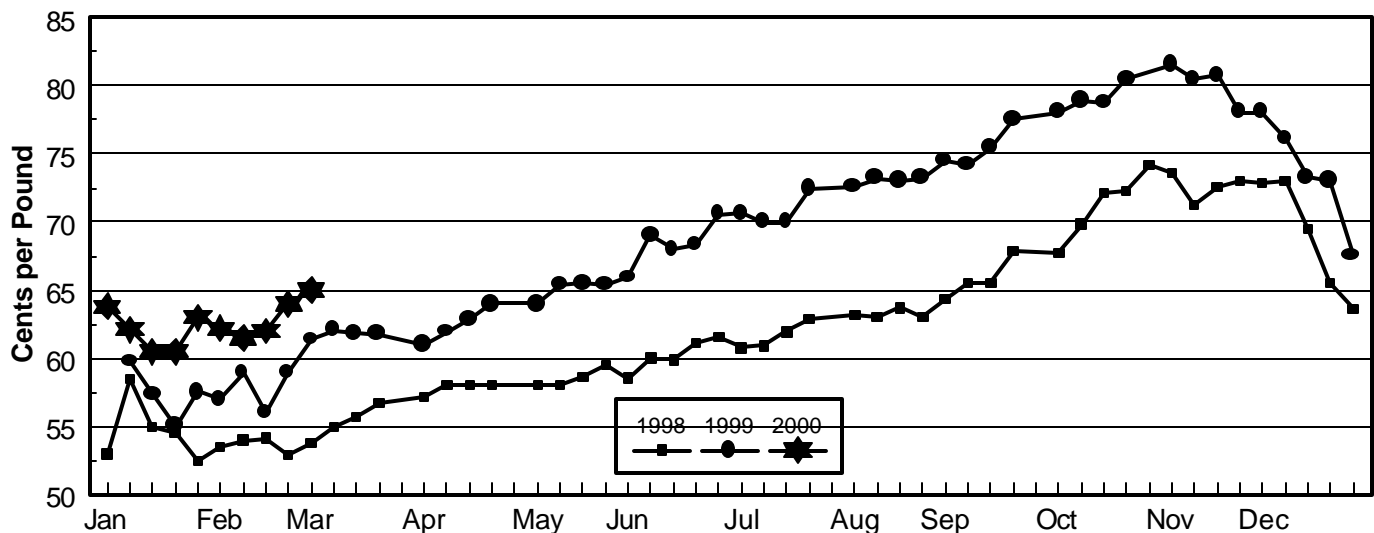
## New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



## Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



## Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.